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SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: ITEM 11

1. QUOTED BELOW IS TEXT OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SPECIAL MEASURES RELATED TO NEEDS OF LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BEING CIRCULATED INFORMALLY BY AFGHANISTAN DELEGATION TO BE INTRODUCED UNDER OMNIBUS ITEM 11 ON ASSISMENT IMPLEMENTATION OF IDS, NIEO RESOLUTIONS, CERDS AND, 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. THE AFGHANS HAVE NOW REQUESTED OFFICIAL PUBLICATION AND CIRCULATION OF THIS RES WITHOUT GOING THROUGH TRADITIONAL G-77 CHANNELS, SO WE ARE NOT SURE IT WILL SURVIVE.

2. THE RESOLUTION BEARS SOME SIMILARITY TO GA RES 31/157, WHICH WE SUPPORTED, EXCEPT THAT IT ALSO URGES DEVELOPED AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE UN SPECIAL FUND FOR LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH WE DO NOT SUPPORT (REF OUR ABSTENTIONS ON GA RESOLUTIONS 3504 (XXX) AND 31/177). OPERATIVE PARA 1, WHICH REAFFIRMS RIGHT OF FREE ACCESS TO ANF FROM THE SEA (SIMILAR TO PARA 6 OF 31/157) AND RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF TRANSIT
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(NEW) WILL PRESUMBABLY BE OPPOSED BY SOME DEVELOPING CORRIDOR COUNTRIES AS IN THE CASE OF 31/157. WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER "FREEDOM OF TRANSIT" ADDS ANYTHING TO "FR ACCESS." REFERENCES TO UNCTAD RESOLUTIONS 63 AND 98 HAVE NOT BEEN PROBLEMS TO US IN THE PAST.

3. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE LDC CORRIDOR COUNTRIES WILL

ASK FOR A VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION IN WHICH CASE WE NEED INSTRUCTIONS ON WHETHER TO MERELY EXPRESS RESERVATIONS ON OP PARA 4 (SPECIAL FUND), OR WHETHER TO ABSTAIN WITH EXPLANATION. IN PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE HAD WITH UK, FRG, AND NETHERLANDS, THEY TELL US THEY ARE INCLINED TO ABSTAIN ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE REACHED NO FINAL POSITION.

4. REQUEST DEPT'S COMMENTS SOONEST.

5. TEXT FOLLOWS:

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SPECIAL MEASURES RELATED TO THE PARTICULAR NEEDS OF
THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

REAFFIRMING THE SPECIAL MEASURES RELATED TO THE NEEDS OF THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT IN ITS RESOLUTION 63 (III), 98 (IV),

RECALLING RESOLUTION 109 (XIV) OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN WHICH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD WAS REQUESTED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE AND POSITIVE ACTION ON THE RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS IN DOCUMENT TD/B/453/ADD.1/REV.1,
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RECALLING FURTHER RESOLUTION 31/157 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD, THE LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH THE URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS 63 (III) AND 98 (IV) OF UNCTAD,

NOTING RESOLUTION 31/177 WHICH APPROVED THE STATUTE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL FUND FOR LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONVENE A PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR THE FUND,

RECALLING THE PROVISIONS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS
..... AND 31/157 WITH RESPECT TO THE EXERCISE OF
THE RIGHT OF FREE ACCESS TO AND FROM THE SEA OF THE LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THEIR RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF TRANSIT,

BEING AWARE OF THE SLOW PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIFIC ACTIONS RELATED TO THE NEEDS OF THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

1. REAFFIRMS THE RIGHT OF FREE ACCESS TO AND FROM THE SEA OF THE DEVELOPING LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THEIR RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF TRANSIT.

2. URGES THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND ALL OTHERS IN A POSITION TO DO SO AS WELL AS ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO ADOPT SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS CALLED FOR IN UNCTAD RESOLUTION 63 (III) AND 98 (IV).

3. CALLS UPON MEMBER STATES AND THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO GIVE ATTENTION TO THE TRADE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INCLUDING TRANIT FACILITIES SO THAT THEY COULD DERIVE EQUITABLE BENEFITS FROM INTERNATIONAL MEASURES ON BEHALF OF ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. URGES THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND ALL OTHERS IN A POSITION TO DO S
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TO MAKE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL FUND FOR LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO MAKE IT OPERATIONAL.

5. INVITES THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNDP TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND INCREASED RESOURCES TO MEET THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS OF THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY -
GENERAL OF UNCTAD, MEMBER STATES, THE UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND OTHER UN BODIES TO SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNCTAD RESOLUTIONS 63 (III), 98 (IV), AND OTHER RELEVANT UN RESOLUTIONS TO THE 33RD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH ECOSOC.

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